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METHOD FOR INCREASING LUMINESCENCE ASSAY SENSITIVITY

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- ☒ A return postcard.
- ☒ An Amendment and Response (14 Pages).
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg.)
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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1816.00 to cover the fee for additional claims as calculated below.
- ☒ Clean Version of Specification Paragraph (1 pg.).
- ☒ Clean Version of Pending Claims (13 pgs.).

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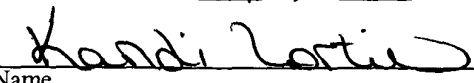
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(1) Claims Remaining After Amendment		(2) Highest Number Previously Paid For	(3) Present Extra	Rate	Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS	169	-	77	92	x 18 =	\$1,656.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	8	-	6	2	x 80 =	\$160.00
[ ] MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED						\$0.00
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on April 24, 2001. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

**In the Specification**

At the top of page 25, please replace the last five entries of Table 1 as follows.

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Please add the enclosed Abstract (page 40) to the specification.

**In the Claims**

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled "Clean Version of Pending Claims" for the previously pending claim set. Specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked-up set of claims.

Please amend claims 1, 3, and 15 as follows, and add new claims 35-75.

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1. (Amended) A method for increasing the sensitivity of a bio-luminescent assay comprising